

# IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS WESTERN DISTRICT

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## COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE

WON IL KIM,

Appellant,

v.

REUBEN A. SHELTON,

Respondent.

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**DOCKET NUMBER WD78917**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**DATE:** March 1, 2016

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## APPEAL FROM

The Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri  
The Honorable Patricia S. Joyce, Judge

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## JUDGES

Division Two: Martin, P.J., and Pfeiffer and Mitchell, JJ.

CONCURRING.

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## MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT

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**Before Division Two Judges:** Cynthia L. Martin, Presiding Judge, and Mark D. Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell, Judges

Won Il Kim, who appears *pro se*, appeals from the circuit court's dismissal of his lawsuit against Reuben Shelton. Because of significant deficiencies in Mr. Kim's appellate brief that prevent us from conducting meaningful review, we dismiss Mr. Kim's appeal.

### APPEAL DISMISSED.

#### Division Two holds:

1. Where a party's brief includes a statement of facts that is incomprehensible, vague points relied on, and argument that is unsupported by citation, the court is unable to review the appeal.
2. In cases where the court is generally able to understand the nature of the claim presented, and the opposing party is clearly able to understand and effectively address the claim in its responsive brief, the court sometimes exercises its discretion to review inadequately briefed claims.
3. Where a brief is so defective as to require the appellate court and opposing counsel to hypothesize about the appellant's argument and precedential support for it, the merits cannot be reached. The court will not act as an advocate for a party.

4. To address the merits of this appeal, this court would have to become an advocate for Mr. Kim by searching the record for the relevant facts of the case, speculating about the possible claims of error, and crafting a legal argument on his behalf.
5. Where a brief is so defective as to prevent meaningful review, the appeal must be dismissed.

**Opinion by: Karen King Mitchell, Judge**

March 1, 2016

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